

Redistricting in Castle Rock

History

- From 1987 to 2004 The Town redistricted on a yearly basis
- 2004 to 2009 redistricting took place every three years
- 2010 to present redistricting is to take place every six years after 2015
- Redistricting has always happend in less than six years

The Vote in 2010

In April of 2010 to coincide with a vote for Town Council representatives, two townwide ballot questions were added. The first was to extend Town Council terms from two to four years. The second to extend redistricting from three to six years. The following reasons were given:

"Castle Rock evaluates redistricting every three years. This worked well when our population was steadily and quickly increasing every year. Now that growth trends have leveled out, it's not necessary to make subtle boundary changes as often. This also provides voters time to get to know their representatives and work with them on issues important to Castle Rock. If voters approve these two amendments, they will be phased in. Redistricting was just completed for 2010. If the ballot question passes, the next redistricting would occur in 2015 (instead of 2013), and then every six years thereafter." Two questions One Result Your Vote Counts, (January 2010, crgov. Document 842)

At that time there were roughly 22,400 registered voters in Castle Rock. Seven years later we have doubled that number to 45,000. Far from a "leveled out" population, growth has increased and is on track to continue. Some districts may experience more growth than others due to home versus business development. Also note that the Town had only just lengthened the redistricting timeframe in 2004.

Proposed Changes to Redistricting

Change the Town Charter to have redistricting to take place within six year time frame but may be called sooner with a majority vote from the Town Council and Mayor if they deem it necessary to provide fair and balanced voter representation on the Town Council or to comply with a voter approved ballot measure. The six year "clock" would then begin after the most recent redistricting.